

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**LENTEN WEDNESDAY
5:30 P.M. WORSHIP
March 8, 2023**



All Are Welcome

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, call him directly or call the church office.

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5:30 P.M. Worship - Evening Prayers

+ *Indicates Please Stand*

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Pastor Carl Kelly
Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

+ **OPENING**

The Assembly stands.

P We begin in the name of God,
C **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

P What does this mean, this belief?
C **I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God daily and abundantly provides for me.**

P We confess that Jesus is Lord.
C **He has redeemed and freed us so that we may belong to him.**

P How is this possible when we are who we are?
C **We believe because the Holy Spirit calls us.**

P Called, gathered, enlightened, and made holy, we praise God.
C **This is most certainly true!**

OPENING HYMN

“Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW 632

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:10

¹⁰ You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9: 17-24

¹⁷ Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak, ¹⁸ and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid, and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” ¹⁹ He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.

²² It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!” ²³ Jesus said to him, “If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

+ **SERMON**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* **ELW 774**

PRAYERS

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

P I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

C **Through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us all.

C **Amen.**

Please join us for soup supper in Hanson Hall after service, the soup is provided by the Sew-Sew Quilters and the Property Committee.

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

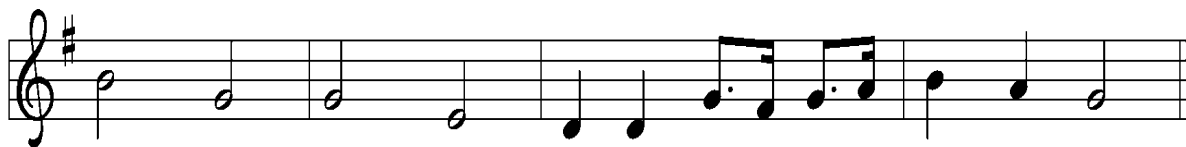


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
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lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924